

**Members Present:**

Arlene Happach, Judge Marshall Murray; Linda Davis, Colleen Ellingson; Francine Feinberg; Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Mary Sowinski representing John Chisholm; Dr. Earnestine Willis; Judge Michael Skwierawski.

Linda Davis opened the meeting with introductions.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the February 24, 2012 meeting were approved as read.

**CAP VIII Review**

Sara Kock presented the CAP VIII information for Mark Sarvela.

- CAP VIII reporting period began April 1, 2012.
- Two remaining enforceable items are reunification and placement stability.
- A new definition of placement stability will be going into effect July 1, 2012.

**Revised Bylaws**

A draft of the Revised Bylaws was distributed. This draft contained changes that were made as a result of the discussion at the Partnership Council Meeting in April. Legal Counsel Representative, Sarah Henery, explained the changes and answered questions.

A motion was made that the Executive Committee recommend approval of the revised Bylaws to the full Partnership. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Juvenile Justice Pilot**

Deputy Director Mary Pat Bohn explained the new Juvenile Justice Pilot

- Year-long pilot will start July 1 and involve children under the age of 12.
- BMCW will partner with Juvenile Justice
- Will allow us to conduct more robust assessments round family dynamics
- Any time a child under the age of 12 needs to be reported to BMCW, the referral will go to a specific unit (Child Welfare Unit).
- Juvenile Justice will receive information on any child if the case is already open.
- The pilot will add approximately 50 new cases a year. Martha Johnson will be heading this pilot.

**Model Court Project**

Judge Murray explained the Model Court Project.

- Includes judges and attorneys from Dane, Waukesha and Milwaukee County.- Provides judges and attorneys with concrete tools to deal with abuse/neglect cases.
- Collaborative talk about what we can do better.

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- Attorneys will be trained in October.

**Updates**

**DCF**

Secretary Anderson thanked Judge Murray for his work with the Model Court and noted the contributions of two foster families that were recently recognized in a ceremony in Madison.

**BMCW**

- BMCW statistics for April were distributed.
- Reunification day is June 18, 2012.
- The kick off for the new Parent Café coming up July 19, 2012.
- Statewide Citizen Review Panel meeting is June 21, 2012.
- Budget workgroup meeting is May 29, 2012.
- Health and Education meeting will be May 30. Medical Home Model project will be discussed.

**CEO's**

**Mike Boeder, IFS**

- IFS is doing a new round of hiring
- Sixteen new workers will be starting in June (64 new workers since January).

**Amy Herbst, CSSW**

- CSSW is working on reducing the number of children in out of home care
- Staff training is ongoing.
- Working on change in practice with ongoing cases to ensure dads are valued. - Recognizing the responsibility to reach out broadly to families to help them know who they are.

**Amy Graap, PSG**

Thank you to everyone for help with the transition.

Number of protective plans is increasing.

Meeting adjourned 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Zellner